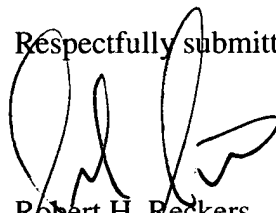


REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution claims 1, 2 and 4- 14, which are the claims of Group I, according to the Examiner's classification. Applicants have canceled the nonelected claims (claims 15-21), although Applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

An action on the merits is solicited.

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